

La Bandera de El Salvador



The Coat of Arms features a round emblem encircled by the words REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR EN LA AMERICA CENTRAL

República de El Salvador
(Republic of El Salvador)

Capital: San Salvador

Area: 8,124 sq miles (Smallest Central American country, slightly smaller than Massachusetts)

Population: 5.9 million 43% urban 57% rural

Ethnic Divisions: 95% Mestizo
 4% Amerindian
 1% White

Important Cities: San Salvador, Santa Ana, San Miguel

Currency: 1 Salvadoran colón (C) = 100 centavos

Literacy Rate: 70% (only 35% of rural adults)

Exports: Coffee, sugarcane, corn, shrimp

Official language: Spanish (Nahua also spoken)

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

National Sports: Soccer (fútbol), basketball

Geographic Regions:

North: Sierra Madre
South: Coastal lowlands, runs the length of the country
Central: Central Plateau, most of the population lives here between two volcanic mountain ranges

Major Rivers: Río Lempa, only partly navigable river in the country

Important Figures: Óscar Arnulfo Romero, José Napoleón Duarte

Highest Peak: Monte Cristo, 7,933ft